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* MEDIA ADVISORY *

Free workshop offered on WorkKeys

Gary, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WorkOne Northwest and the Lake County Integrated Services Delivery Board announced today that they are joining forces to offer a free workshop to area business and education officials.

Entitled "Bridging Education and Business with WorkKeys," the forum will be held on Wednesday April 28, 2004 and is open to all Lake County businesses. Attendees will receive in-depth information on the WorkKeys program, which is a centerpiece of the state's Indiana@Work initiative.

Interested parties should contact Brenda Iwan, Workforce Development Services, at 219/882-0033 to register or for additional information.

WHAT: Bridging Education and Business with WorkKeys

WHEN: Wednesday, April 28, 2004

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Avalon Manor Banquet Center

3550 East US Route 30 Merrillville, Ind. 46342

AGENDA: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:30 a.m. to 8:35 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

8:35 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. WorkKeys Overview

9:15 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. Employer Feedback on WorkKeys

9:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Two Concurrent Breakout Sessions

10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Two Concurrent Breakout Sessions Closing Remarks and Adjournment